

H.R. 98. An act to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program and to amend the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act to make technical and other corrections.

H.R. 99. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

H.R. 432. An act to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 19. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 8002 of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, the Committee on Ways and Means designated the following Members of the House to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation for the 106th Congress: Mr. ARCHER, Mr. CRANE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. STARK.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. SAXTON of New Jersey.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1374. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on three rescissions of budget authority dated February 1, 1999; transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1375. A communication from the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on loans and guarantees issued under the Arms Export Control Act as of September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1376. A communication from the Register of Copyrights, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a schedule of proposed new copyright fees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1377. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Base Operating Support functions at Lockland Air Force Base, Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1378. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Coverage of Ambulance Services and Vehicle and Staff Requirements" (RIN0938-AH13) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1379. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 99-7) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1380. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) Taxation of Amounts Under Employee Benefit Plans" (RIN1545-AT27) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1381. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) Taxation of Amounts Under Employee Benefit Plans" (RIN1545-AT99) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1382. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acceptance of Bonds Secured By Government Obligations in Lieu of Bonds with Sureties" (RIN1510-AA36) received on January 27, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1383. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 1999-2000 Marketing Year" (Docket FV-99-985-1 FR) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1384. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxytobin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (RIN2070-AB78) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1385. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Tolerances for Canceled Food Uses; Correction" (FRL6043-7) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1386. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lambda-cyhalothrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6056-2) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1387. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Penbuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6054-3) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1388. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Cryolite Tolerance Revocations; Final Rule, Delay of Effective Date" (FRL6058-7) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1389. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1390. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau of Export Administration's report entitled "Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999" and the "1999 Report to Congress on Foreign Policy Export Controls"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1391. A communication from the Vice Chair of the Import-Export Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a financial guarantee to support the sale of certain Boeing aircraft to Ireland; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1392. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Import-Export Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's report on Sub-Saharan Africa and the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1393. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents for foreign governments, and security documents for State governments and their political subdivisions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1394. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exports of High Performance Computers; Post-shipment Verification Reporting Procedures" (RIN0694-AB78) received on November 4, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1395. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the procedure for requests for removal from the list of blocked persons, groups, and vessels received on January 29, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1396. A communication from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Sequestration Preview Report for Fiscal Year 2000; transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committee on the Budget and to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1397. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of an Agreement to extend the Mutual Fisheries Agreement to December 31, 2003; transmitted jointly, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1823(b), P.L. 94-265, to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1398. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rules for Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers Under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act" (RIN1210-AA63) received on November 4, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1399. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the San Francisco Bay Viticulture Area and the Realignment of the Boundary of the Central Coast Viticultural Area" (RIN1512-AA07) received on January 27, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1400. A communication from the President of the United States Institute of Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Institute's activities during the four year period following the end of the Cold War (1994-1997); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1401. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Freedom of Information Act for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1402. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report entitled "Attacking Financial Institution Fraud: Fiscal Year 1996 (Second Quarterly Report)"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1403. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Addition to Quarantined Areas" (Docket 95-086-2) received on January 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1404. A communication from the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance Standards for the Production of Certain Meat and Poultry Products" (Docket 95-033F) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1405. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket FV99-993-1 FR) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1406. A communication from the Executive Director of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Two-Part Documents for Commodity Pools" received on November 4, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1407. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process (Executive Order 12947)

dated January 27, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1408. A communication from the Secretary of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Custody of Investment Company Assets Outside the United States" (RIN3235-AE98) received on January 29, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1409. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States (99-5 to 99-7); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1410. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the extent and disposition of U.S. contributions to international organizations for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1411. A communication from the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's report on full-time USG employees who are performing services for which reimbursement is provided under the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1412. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of reports issued or released by the General Accounting Office in September 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1413. A communication from the Chair of the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's consolidated annual report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1414. A communication from the Executive Director of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Committee's recommendations to the President; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1415. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1416. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-494, "Uniform Per Student Funding Formula for Public Schools and Public Charter Schools and Tax Conformity Clarification Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1417. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-495, "Office of Citizen Complaint Review Establishment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1418. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-487, "Summary of Abatement of Life-or-Health Threatening Conditions Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1419. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-488, "Alcoholic Beverage Control DC Arena Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1420. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-490, "Retired Police Officer Redeployment Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1421. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-491, "Criminal Background Investigation for the Protection of Children Temporary Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1422. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-492, "Metropolitan Police Department Civilianization Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1423. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-493, "Open Alcoholic Beverage Containers Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1424. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-468, "Prohibition on Abandoned Vehicles Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1425. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-469, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 198, S.O. 90-260, Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1426. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-471, "ARCH Training Center Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1427. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-473, "Salvation Army Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1428. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-475, "Extension of Time to Dispose of District Owned Surplus Real Property Revised Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1429. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-481, "Regional Airports Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1430. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-486, "Special Events Fee Adjustment Waiver Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1431. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-485, "Drug Prevention and Children at Risk Tax Check-off Temporary Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1432. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. ACT 12-470, "Drug-Related Nuisance Abatement Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1433. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-474, "Sex Offender Registration Risk Assessment Clarification and Convention Center Marketing Service Contracts Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1434. A communication from the Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's consolidated annual report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1435. A communication from the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, a copy of the Office's "Report to the President" for 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1436. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. ACT 12-489, "Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Roman Catholic Church Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 366. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 367. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to provide for partial restitution to individuals who worked in uranium mines, mills, or transport which provided uranium for the use and benefit of the United States Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 368. A bill to authorize the minting and issuance of a commemorative coin in honor of the founding of Biloxi, Mississippi; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 369. A bill to provide States with the authority to permit certain employers of domestic workers to make annual wage reports; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 370. A bill to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DODD, Mr. HATCH, Mr. FRIST, Mr. MACK, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 371. A bill to provide assistance to the countries in Central America and the Caribbean affected by Hurricane Mitch and Hurricane Georges, to provide additional trade benefits to certain beneficiary countries in

the Caribbean, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 372. A bill to make available funds under the Freedom Support Act to expand existing educational and professional exchanges with the Russian Federation to promote and strengthen democratic government and civil society in that country, and to make available funds under that Act to conduct a study of the feasibility of creating a new foundation toward that end; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 373. A bill to prohibit the acquisition of products produced by forced or indentured child labor; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 374. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 375. A bill to create a rural business lending pilot program within the U.S. Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BROWNBAC, and Mr. CLELAND):

S. 376. A bill to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 377. A bill to eliminate the special reserve funds created for the Savings Association Insurance Fund and the Deposit Insurance Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 378. A bill to provide for the non-preemption of State prescription drug benefit laws in connection with Medicare+Choice plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 379. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to implement a pilot program to improve access to the national transportation system for small communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LOTT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 380. A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 381. A bill to allow certain individuals who provided service to the Armed Forces of the United States in the Philippines during World War II to receive a reduced SSI benefit

after moving back to the Philippines; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 382. A bill to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INOUE:

S. Res. 32. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate reaffirming the cargo preference policy of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWNBAC (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MACK, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KERREY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. GRAMS, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Con. Res. 5. A concurrent resolution expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 366. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

CAMINO REAL DE TIERRA ADENTRO NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail. Senator DOMENICI is once again a co-sponsor of this legislation which enjoyed bipartisan support in both the Senate and in the House in the last Congress. I want to thank Senator DOMENICI for his continued support of this bill.

While we passed this bill last year in the Senate, it appeared that there just wasn't enough time for the House to go through its process on the bill at the end of the 105th Congress. My hope is that we will be able to move this bill through the Senate quickly this year and that the House will pass it as well.

While this legislation is important to my home state of New Mexico, it also contributes to the national dialogue on the history of this country and who we are as a people. In history classes across the country, children learn about the establishment of European settlements on the East Coast, and the east to west migration which occurred